

programs had no impact at all on whether participants had sex. They had no impact on the age of first sex. They had no impact on the number of partners. And they had no impact on rates of pregnancy or sexually transmitted disease.

There is no evidence to support these programs, and they should get no Federal funding. It is an outrage that instead they are receiving an increase.

Defenders of abstinence-only like to claim that parents support abstinence education. It's true that surveys show parents want programs to promote abstinence as the healthiest choice for young people. We all want that. But the surveys also show that parents overwhelmingly want a full range of age-appropriate information taught, so that youth are best prepared to stay healthy.

Parents care more about the health of their children than about politics or ideology. I think that's probably why they understand that the abstinence-only programs we've been funding are a mistake. They contain serious misinformation and, most importantly, are not effective in improving adolescent health. After putting more than a billion Federal dollars into these programs, we have seen no results.

I know it's critical that we pass this appropriations bill. But it's wrong to spend scarce dollars on programs that we know don't work. It's wrong to put our children at risk of health problems and unwanted pregnancies because we've withheld essential health information. And it's indefensible to use adolescents as political pawns instead of taking an honest, evidence-based look at their health and well-being.

Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the conference report accompanying the fiscal year 2008 appropriations bill funding the Departments of Labor, HHS, and Education, as well as Military Construction and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

On the domestic side, this legislation makes important investments in our health care and education programs. After many years of flat funding and small increases that have resulted in funding reductions when taking inflation into account, the National Institutes of Health would receive a 4 percent increase over current funding levels. This legislation provides \$30 billion for life-saving medical research, much of which is performed in my back yard at the Baylor College of Medicine, the MD Anderson Cancer Center, UT Health Science Center, and many other impressive research facilities located in the Texas Medical Center.

I am also pleased that the bill provides a 35 percent increase for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program. The \$2.4 billion in LIHEAP funding that this bill provides will better ensure that LIHEAP funding is more equitably distributed among cold weather and hot weather states. By providing LIHEAP funding above the threshold of \$1.975 billion, this legislation ensures that the funding will be sufficient to meet the historical needs of cold weather states while also recognizing the unmet needs of hot weather states, which experience higher levels of weather-related deaths.

I would also like to thank the conference committee for retaining House-passed funding for two projects in our district. The conference committee generously provided funding for Gateway to Care, the community health care

access collaborative in Harris County. Gateway to Care will utilize this funding to help coordinate the deployment of health information technology among the county's health care clinics. The bill also provides much-needed funding for the Harris County Hospital District's Diabetes Program, which offers a culturally-sensitive, interdisciplinary, and educational approach to the treatment of diabetes in our community, which experiences higher than normal rates of this devastating disease.

As Veterans' Day approaches, we should also highlight the significant funding increases made in the Military Construction/VA portion of the bill. The conference agreement provides a total of \$109.2 billion for veterans' affairs and military construction programs, roughly \$18 billion more than the current level and \$4 billion more than the president's request. For the last 11 months, this Congress has demonstrated its commitment to fulfilling the promises made to our veterans, and this bill reaffirms that commitment in the strongest terms by providing the largest funding increase in VA history. With the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan creating hundreds of thousands of new veterans, this level of funding reassures our veterans, our troops, and their families that this Congress will fulfill the promises we made to those who fight for our country, even after they are done with their service.

I would also like to offer my thanks for the inclusion of funding for a new fire station at Ellington Field. I have supported this project for several years, and am glad to see it funded in this bill. The existing fire station at Ellington field is in a rapidly deteriorating condition and does not meet OSHA or Air Force Standards. Roof leaks and lack of insulation have resulted in equipment being destroyed and extremely high operating costs. New firefighting apparatus must be parked outside the station because they will not fit into the truck bays. This fire station supports all flying operations at Ellington Field including Air National Guard, Army National Guard, US Coast Guard, NASA, and civilian aircraft. Construction of the new fire station at Ellington is critical for the Texas Air National Guard and all units stationed at Ellington Field, and I am pleased funding for this project was included.

Madam Speaker, I again urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this conference report.

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the conference report.

There was no objection.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the noes appeared to have it.

Mr. PUTNAM. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. OBEY. Madam Speaker, parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Wisconsin will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. OBEY. Are we participating in Little League politics or doing the country's business tonight?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not stating a parliamentary inquiry.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 158, nays 248, not voting 26, as follows:

[Roll No. 1049]

YEAS—158

Aderholt	Franks (AZ)	Murphy, Tim
Akin	Frelinghuysen	Musgrave
Alexander	Gallegly	Myrick
Bachmann	Garrett (NJ)	Neugebauer
Baker	Gingrey	Nunes
Barrett (SC)	Gohmert	Pearce
Bartlett (MD)	Goode	Pence
Barton (TX)	Goodlatte	Peterson (PA)
Biggert	Granger	Petri
Bilbray	Graves	Pickering
Bilirakis	Hall (TX)	Pitts
Bishop (UT)	Hastert	Poe
Blackburn	Hastings (WA)	Porter
Blunt	Hayes	Price (GA)
Boehner	Heller	Putnam
Bonner	Hensarling	Rehberg
Bono	Herger	Renzi
Boustany	Hobson	Rogers (AL)
Brady (TX)	Hunter	Rogers (KY)
Brown (GA)	Inglis (SC)	Rogers (MI)
Brown-Waite,	Issa	Rohrabacher
Ginny	Johnson (IL)	Ros-Lehtinen
Buchanan	Johnson, Sam	Roskam
Burton (IN)	Jordan	Royce
Calvert	Keller	Ryan (WI)
Camp (MI)	King (IA)	Sali
Campbell (CA)	Kingston	Saxton
Cannon	Kline (MN)	Schmidt
Cantor	Knollenberg	Sensenbrenner
Capito	Lamborn	Sessions
Carter	Latham	Shadegg
Coble	LaTourette	Shays
Cole (OK)	Lewis (CA)	Shimkus
Conaway	Lewis (KY)	Smith (NE)
Crenshaw	Linder	Smith (TX)
Culberson	Lucas	Souder
Davis (KY)	Lungren, Daniel	Sullivan
Davis, David	E.	Taylor
Davis, Tom	Mack	Terry
Deal (GA)	Manzullo	Thornberry
Diaz-Balart, L.	Marchant	Tiahrt
Diaz-Balart, M.	McCarthy (CA)	Turner
Doolittle	McCaul (TX)	Upton
Drake	McCrery	Walberg
Dreier	McHenry	Walsh (NY)
Duncan	McKeon	Wamp
Emerson	McMorris	Weldon (FL)
English (PA)	Rodgers	Whitfield
Fallin	Mica	Wicker
Feeney	Miller (FL)	Wilson (NM)
Flake	Miller (MI)	Wilson (SC)
Forbes	Miller (NC)	Wu
Fortenberry	Miller, Gary	Young (FL)
Fox	Moran (KS)	

NAYS—248

Abercrombie	Burgess	DeGette
Ackerman	Capps	Delahunt
Allen	Capuano	DeLauro
Altmire	Cardoza	Dent
Andrews	Carnahan	Dicks
Arcuri	Carney	Dingell
Baca	Castle	Doggett
Bachus	Castor	Donnelly
Baird	Chabot	Doyle
Baldwin	Clarke	Edwards
Barrow	Clay	Ehlers
Bean	Cleaver	Ellison
Becerra	Clyburn	Ellsworth
Berman	Cohen	Emanuel
Berry	Conyers	Engel
Bishop (GA)	Cooper	Eshoo
Bishop (NY)	Costello	Etheridge
Blumenauer	Courtney	Everett
Boozman	Cramer	Farr
Boren	Crowley	Fattah
Boswell	Cuellar	Filner
Boucher	Cummings	Frank (MA)
Boyd (FL)	Davis (AL)	Gerlach
Boyda (KS)	Davis (CA)	Giffords
Braley (IA)	Davis (IL)	Gilchrest
Brown (SC)	Davis, Lincoln	Gillibrand
Brown, Corrine	DeFazio	Gonzalez

Green, Al
Green, Gene
Grijalva
Gutierrez
Hall (NY)
Hare
Harman
Hastings (FL)
Herseht Sandlin
Higgins
Hill
Hinchey
Hinojosa
Hirono
Hodes
Hoekstra
Holden
Holt
Honda
Hooley
Hoyer
Inslie
Israel
Jackson (IL)
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jefferson
Johnson (GA)
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (NC)
Jones (OH)
Kagen
Kanjorski
Kaptur
Kennedy
Kildee
Kilpatrick
Kind
King (NY)
Kirk
Klein (FL)
Kucinich
Kuhl (NY)
Lampson
Langevin
Lantos
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Lee
Levin
Lewis (GA)
Lipinski
LoBiondo
Loeb sack
Lofgren, Zoe
Lowey
Lynch

Mahoney (FL)
Maloney (NY)
Markley
Marshall
Matheson
Matsui
McCarthy (NY)
McCollum (MN)
McCotter
McDermott
McGovern
McHugh
McIntyre
McNerney
Meek (FL)
Meeks (NY)
Melancon
Michaud
Miller, George
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Moran (VA)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murtha
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Obey
Oliver
Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarell
Perlmutter
Peterson (MN)
Platts
Pomeroy
Price (NC)
Radanovich
Rahall
Ramstad
Rangel
Reichert
Reyes
Reynolds
Richardson
Rodriguez
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Salazar

Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schwartz
Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sestak
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Sires
Skeltion
Slaughter
Smith (NJ)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Space
Spratt
Stark
Stearns
Stupak
Sutton
Tanner
Tauscher
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tiberi
Tierney
Towns
Tsongas
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Visclosky
Walden (OR)
Walz (MN)
Wasserman
Schultz
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)
Weller
Wexler
Wolf
Woolsey
Wynn

Pursuant to clause 10 of rule XX, the yeas and nays are ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 269, nays 142, not voting 22, as follows:

[Roll No. 1050]

YEAS—269

Abercrombie
Ackerman
Allen
Altmire
Andrews
Arcuri
Baca
Baird
Baldwin
Barrow
Bean
Becerra
Berkley
Berman
Berry
Biggert
Bilirakis
Bishop (GA)
Bishop (NY)
Blumenauer
Boren
Boswell
Boucher
Boyd (FL)
Boyd (KS)
Braley (IA)
Brown, Corrine
Ginny
Buchanan
Capito
Capps
Capuano
Cardoza
Carnahan
Carney
Castle
Castor
Clarke
Clay
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Conyers
Cooper
Costa
Costello
Courtney
Cramer
Crowley
Cuellar
Cummings
Davis (AL)
Davis (CA)
Davis (IL)
Davis, Lincoln
DeFazio
DeGette
Delahunt
DeLauro
Dent
Dicks
Dingell
Doggett
Donnelly
Doyle
Edwards
Ehlers
Ellison
Ellsworth
Emanuel
Emerson
Engel
English (PA)
Eshoo
Etheridge
Everett
Farr
Fattah
Filner
Fortenberry
Frank (MA)
Frelinghuysen
Gerlach
Giffords
Gilchrest
Gillibrand
Gonzalez
Graves
Green, Al

Wilson (NM)
Wolf

Woolsey
Wu

Wynn
Young (FL)

NAYS—142

Aderholt
Akin
Alexander
Bachmann
Bachus
Baker
Barrett (SC)
Bartlett (MD)
Barton (TX)
Bilbray
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blunt
Boehner
Bonner
Bono
Boozman
Boustany
Brady (TX)
Broun (GA)
Brown (SC)
Burgess
Burton (IN)
Calvert
Camp (MI)
Campbell (CA)
Cannon
Cantor
Carter
Chabot
Coble
Cole (OK)
Conaway
Crenshaw
Culberson
Davis (KY)
Davis, David
Davis, Tom
Deal (GA)
Diaz-Balart, L.
Diaz-Balart, M.
Doolittle
Drake
Dreier
Duncan
Fallin
Feeney
Flake

Forbes
Foxy
Franks (AZ)
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gingrey
Gohmert
Goode
Goodlatte
Granger
Hall (TX)
Hastert
Hastings (WA)
Heller
Hensarling
Herger
Hobson
Hoekstra
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Issa
Johnson, Sam
Jordan
Keller
King (IA)
Kingston
Kline (MN)
Knollenberg
Lamborn
Latham
LaTourette
Lewis (CA)
Lewis (KY)
Linder
Lucas
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Mack
Manzullo
Marchant
McCarthy (CA)
McCaul (TX)
McCotter
McCrery
McHenry
McKeon
McMorris
Rodgers

Mica
Miller (FL)
Miller, Gary
Moran (KS)
Musgrave
Myrick
Neugebauer
Pitts
Pearce
Pence
Petri
Pickering
Pitts
Poe
Price (GA)
Putnam
Radanovich
Rehberg
Renzi
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rohrabacher
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Sali
Schmidt
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Shimkus
Shuster
Smith (NE)
Smith (TX)
Souders
Sullivan
Terry
Thornberry
Tiahrt
Tiberi
Walberg
Wamp
Weldon (FL)
Weller
Whitfield
Wicker
Wilson (SC)

NOT VOTING—22

Brady (PA)
Butterfield
Buyer
Carson
Chandler
Cubin
Ferguson
Fossella

Gordon
Jindal
LaHood
McNulty
Oberstar
Pastor
Paul
Payne

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

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Mr. WHITFIELD changed his vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the conference report was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. ALTMIRE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 18, 2007, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. POE) is recognized for 5 minutes.

DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the conference report.